Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1984, the legislature changed Dakota State University's mission to focus on computer and information systems technology; and,

Whereas, Dr. Jerald Tunheim arrived at Dakota State University in 1987 to serve as president of the university, and is credited with the successful transformation into the institution of higher education we know today with its advanced computer resources and academic programs designed specifically to meet the needs of business, education, and the health care industry; and,

Whereas, Dr. Tunheim has focused on building a faculty base with diverse backgrounds and experiences, and encourages faculty and staff to be innovative as they develop and deliver curriculum to students in a variety of settings; and,

Whereas, During Dr. Tunheim's tenure as Dakota State University president, the university has seen a 236 percent increase in enrollment, and the number of declared computer majors on campus also has grown from 109 to 973 students, accounting for about one-half of their degree-seeking students; and,

Whereas, Dr. Tunheim will officially retire as president of Dakota State University on January 4, 2004, and will be recognized at a retirement dinner on December 9, 2003, for his contribution of wisdom and guidance to higher education in South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim, January 4, 2004, as

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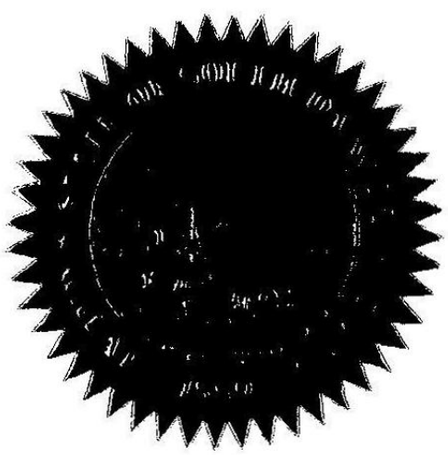
in South Dakota, and I join his friends and colleagues in wishing Dr. Tunheim a well-earned retirement, good health, and happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State